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News Briefs

By Kyle Kamischke

The universal blood donor

Scientists in Denmark have discovered a way to convert blood into type O from A, B, and AB blood types cheaply and efficiently. Since the O blood type is the universal donor, this breakthrough will prove vital during emergency transfusions. The scientists reported that they had discovered a bacterial enzyme that can remove sugar molecules from red blood cells which cause blood to be rejected by the body. The problem with blood types is that each one has its own type of sugar molecules. If someone receives blood with an incorrect blood type, the antibodies will attack the red blood cells and possibly kill the person.

China displays new nuclear lunar rover

China is planning on launching an unmanned rocket destined for the moon in 2012 that will contain a nuclear powered lunar rover. One of several businesses competing to develop the rover displayed their prototype this week. It has many features including the ability to collect and analyze soil samples as well as create 3-D images of the moon's surface. It will also be able to travel up to 100 meters per hour. Researchers on the project are still working on designing the rover to withstand the harsh lunar environment. Some critics of the rover project are critical of what may happen if the rocket carrying the rover explodes on liftoff. An explosion could put people up to 60 miles downwind in danger of inhaling nuclear particles.

Nine hurricanes predicted this year

Scientists are predicting that there will be seventeen named storms in the Atlantic region of the southern United States this year. Nine of those storms will be full-fledged hurricanes and five of them will turn into major hurricanes with category ratings of three, four, or five. It will be a very active season this year for the storms, but still not as active as the 2004 and 2005 seasons. The predictions, according to the scientists, are based on current global and atmospheric conditions such as El Niño. They are also basing their predictions off previous hurricane seasons, but not giving much weight to the 2004 and 2005 seasons since they were "unusual" by hurricane standards. Scientists said there is a seventy-four percent chance that at least one large hurricane will make landfall along the U.S. coastline this year.

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ΔZ evicts DePauw students, Rose responds

Fred Webber

Staff Writer

The DePauw chapter of Delta Zeta received national media attention during the past few months when their national office restructured the chapter, resulting in 23 of the 35 women being asked to leave. Six of the remaining twelve left in protest. One of the evicted women, who spoke to *The Rose Thorn* on a condition of anonymity due to impending litigation, explained the events that transpired as follows:

Before classes started, a regional representative came to discuss the fact that the sorority had not been making quota for the past few years. "We were the smallest sorority with 42 women. Apparently that's a problem," she commented. The chapter voted to close and recolonize in two years. However, DePauw policy is that the university may be opened to new chapters if all current chapters make quota; all except Delta Zeta were routinely making it. "Well, nationals did not like that and so decided to overrule our vote to not go through recruitment," said the former Delta Zeta member. "They told us that they would not be closing the house and that nationals would help in any way to keep the house open... They said that the university recommended the membership review, which they did. But nationals misunderstood what the university meant by a membership review." In the past, membership reviews at DePauw involved members re-evaluating their commitment to the betterment of their organization. Instead, the national DZ chapter conducted interviews. "Interviews were different from woman to woman. Some women interviewed with all four interviewers at once, some only with one interviewer. Some women interviewed for an hour, some only 10 minutes. We were told that we would be interviewed by all four interviewers for an hour. As you can see, the interviews were widely varied and unfair."

Another former Delta Zeta, Kate Holloway, stated in a recent editorial that the media



Christina Davis / Rose Thorn

The Delta Zeta house on DePauw's campus, once filled with dozens of sisters, is now nearly empty after the national organization decided to restructure DePauw's chapter. Robert Bottoms, President of DePauw, officially severed ties with the sorority on March 12, 2007.

claims about racism and women's weight were untrue. "The truth is that the 23 chapter members whom Delta Zeta's national leadership asked to leave the house in December simply did not fit an archetypically sorority persona."

"The most important thing to us at Rose is the students," said Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Pete Gustafson. "To me, the most important thing is what's best with our students," stated Gustafson. "I don't know who's right, who's wrong, I don't think the students were treated properly." Gustafson had only good things to say about Rose's Greek system. "From the school's perspective, if a fraternity or sorority does positive things and [is] not doing things that are negative or detrimental to the school, the school would not get involved." When asked how the school would react if a national office came in to interact with a local chapter, Gustafson stated that "I can't imagine Rose getting involved unless there were major laws or rules broken. ... I can't imagine anything like that happening here, but I suppose there is always a possibility."

Carey Traeger-Huber, Advisor to Rose-Hulman's Panhellenic, agreed. She emphasized that the students were treated unfairly, and that was the unfortunate part of it all. Despite whatever went on between DePauw and Delta Zeta, Traeger-Huber said that she didn't think that the interests of students were represented.

Each of the women's sorority on campus declined official comment, as such a comment would need to come from their national office. All members of the sororities on campus were also discouraged from commenting by their respective chapters and were unable to speak with *The Rose Thorn*.

Some members of DePauw's Delta Zeta chapter have started a local sorority, Psi Lambda Psi. All of the former members are still close and meet regularly.

Lynn Jakubowski pledged Delta Zeta around 1982 at Robert Morris College in Pittsburgh. "I think the Greek system at Rose is very strong, the Greek women are very strong, and with a third organization coming out, it seems like a very positive atmosphere."



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Chi-O and Tri-Delta and some Rockin' and Rollin'

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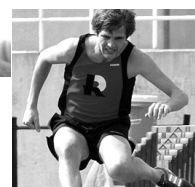


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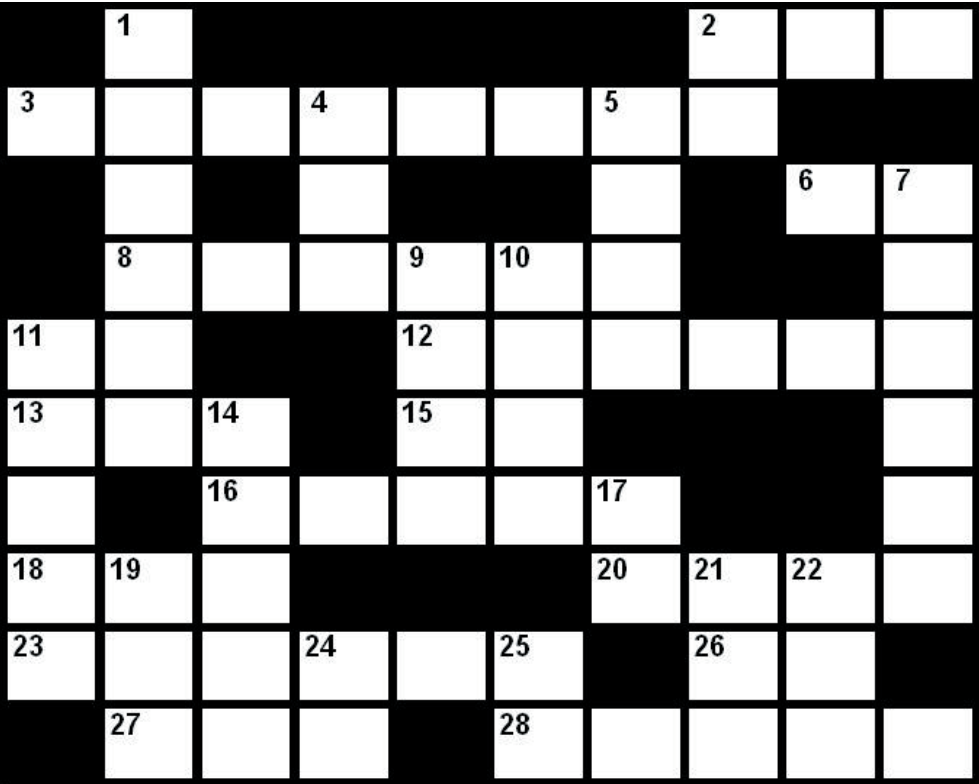
"They have one of those for your iPod?"

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Crossword

by Jim Sedoff



Across

- 2 11-Down was a devout this
3 This week, 2-Across celebrated this
6 The less overtly religious version of BCE, also a cartoon in the paper
8 Just as awkward as having knocked-knee
11 ‘Temple’ suffix for Mr. Roboto, but also a ’93 Al-Qaeda-trained terrorist group
12 An ‘eggcellent’ way to celebrate the rebirth of the ‘Eastern’ sunrise
13 How would Dell abbr an extra terabyte?
15 Faster than a msec and not as ‘enter-taining’ as Nintendo
16 A heifer might express herself this way
18 When you find yourself in this, you won’t be able to rearrange yourself to 19-Down
20 On Sunday, kids go on this; in the fall, the deer run from this
23 The most ‘radiant’ of days
26 To proceed playing an Asian version of chess
27 No denying science, he’s Bill _____
28 Not to brag, but ADES was as easy as stealing this from a baby

Down

- 1 Roger _____ is good friends with this Easter tradition
2 The Japanese don’t mind if you are only a _____ in college, you can still ride the Rail
4 You reap what you _____
5 I dye these with my grandmother before 12-Across, kids look for them
7 An important religious icon, controversially a Son or just a Prophet to some
9 The Pope might ‘loan’ you his Xbox for this extended period
10 At boot camp you might rest in this position
11 He’s saved many a homeboy, and Sunday is an important day for him
14 She works at Hatfield, but the more well-known character hides eggs for kids
17 Just the opposite of the ‘Human Resources’ dept
19 The command to start the Command Prompt, or a period of a performance: “It had a long _____”
21 Swedish for oven, also a secret female group
22 You might get this to go where Cain dwelt
24 An Eastern state, also a MA course
25 The VG about Mario’s friend’s favorite food, or pins from an S-Video cable

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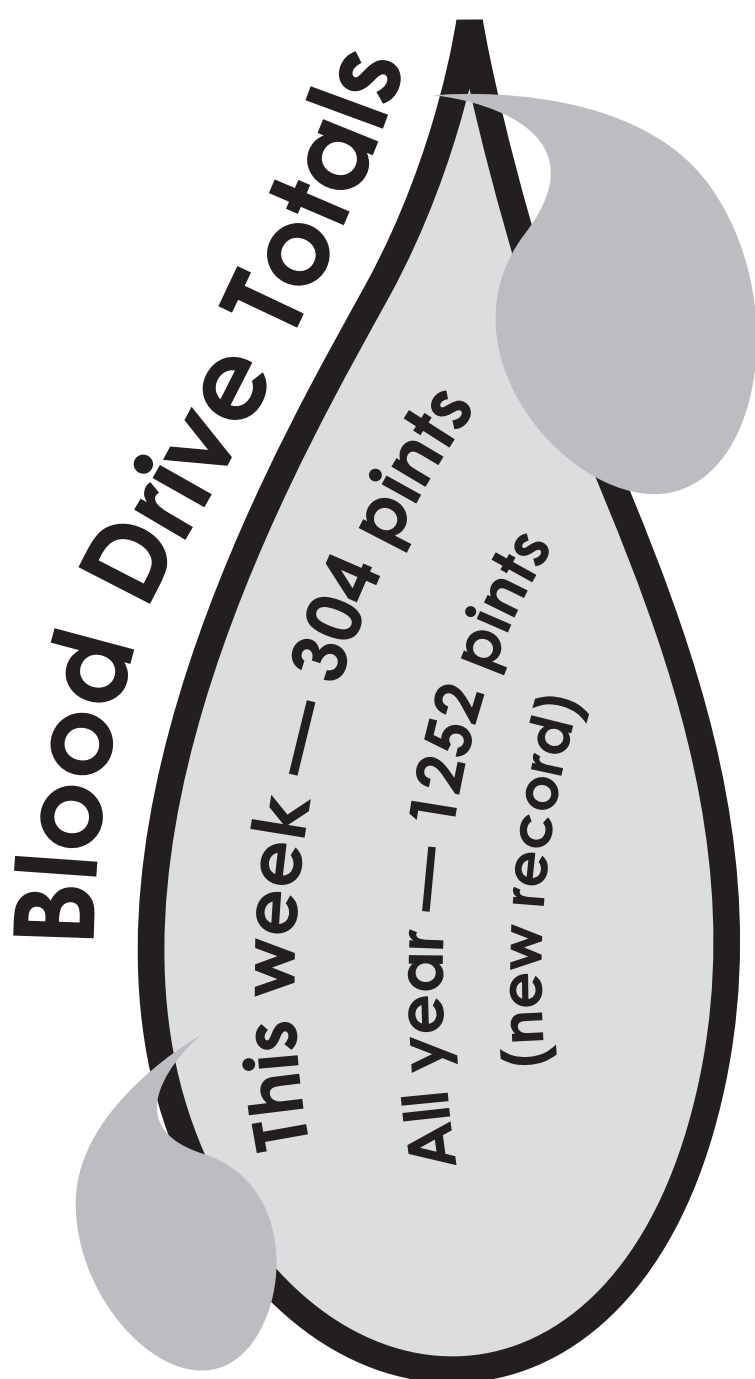
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XΩ Make-a-Dish for Make-a-Wish

Fred Webber
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Friday, March 30th, several hundred people from the Terre Haute community gathered at Vigo County North High School to participate in the fourth Chi Omega-sponsored Make-a-Dish. Women from both the Rose-Hulman and Indiana

State University chapters ran the event, which was coordinated by Rose sophomore chemical engineer Jennifer McClary.

Tickets could be purchased from Chi Omegas prior to the event or at the front door. One ticket allowed one person to take a trip through the line, putting anything they could fit onto one plate and one bowl. Food

included pizzas, subs, spaghetti, and an array of deserts. All food was donated by area companies. Other companies donated items to be auctioned, such as gift cards and movie tickets. Shirts were also sold. All proceeds went to the Make-a-Wish foundation, an organization that seeks to help wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses come true.

ΔΔΔ teeter-totters for Riley

Rachel Howser
Staff Writer

The ladies of Rose's Delta Delta Delta sorority held their annual Teeter-Totter-a-Thon from 6:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30 until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. Teeter-Totter-a-Thon is Tri-Delta's major philanthropy event for the year. The ladies teeter-totter for 24 hours outside of Wal-Mart in order to raise money for the Riley Hospital for Children. Tri-Delta has made a substantial contribution to the hospital this year. Freshman biomedical engineering major and philanthropy chair of the sorority, Brittaney Mauer, explained, "Over the entire school year thus far, including Teeter-Totter-a-Thon, we have raised just under \$10,000 for Riley's."

In addition to their usual effort, the ladies decided to not only teeter-totter at their usual location at the Wal-Mart on 3rd Street but also expanded their efforts to include the new Wal-Mart on Highway 46. Sorority president and junior biomedical engineering major Sarah Rice stated, "We decided to try something new this year with Teeter-Totter-a-Thon and collect money from two Wal-Marts. We collected money at the Wal-Mart on 3rd Street where we had the actual teeter-tottering as well as at the Wal-Mart on 46 close to campus. This was a big step because it meant that everyone in the chapter had to work more hours at the event and be even more committed than they were in years past."

The ladies were pleased with

the encouragement from Rose-Hulman. Rice continued, "We had a lot of support from the Rose community as well. When I was collecting money at the Wal-Mart close to Rose, a couple of people that I work with in the Admissions Office stopped by with their families. We also had a lot of students in other sororities and fraternities stop by the Wal-Mart out on 3rd Street and give the teeter-totters a try."

Overall, the ladies worked hard, had a great time, and raised money for a great cause. Mauer stated, "It's a great time for all the Tri Delta members, and we hear amazing stories from those who have been or known patients of Riley's. We really appreciate all the donations...big or small...they all add up to a great amount."

Rock for Life! rocks Rose

Chris Casillas
Copy Editor

This past Friday, Rock for Life! was held in the Kahn Room for a 24-hour marathon of "Guitar Hero," starting at 5:00 p.m. Friday evening. The event was put on by BSB 1 as a fundraiser to support the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PanCAN). They raised money by selling raffle tickets and taking donations.

Bryan Ruiz, a sophomore advisor and civil engineer on BSB 1, and Thomas Kleeman, a freshman physics major, organized the event. Ruiz contacted PanCAN and proposed to Residence Hall Association to receive funding for prizes and a starting donation. "PanCAN provided brochures, fact sheets, ribbons, and wristbands to help raise awareness," mentioned Ruiz. Ruiz also contacted David Stevenson to help set up the audio equipment.

Kleeman contacted Red Octane, the makers of Guitar Hero, and was able to have them sponsor the event. "Red Octane provided us with free T-shirts, pins, posters, and a 10% discount coupon on all of our purchases," said Ruiz.

According to Ruiz, Guitar Hero is a very popular game in his room. Joseph Ausserer, a BSB 1 resident, suggested, "We should play for 24 hours with-

out stopping."

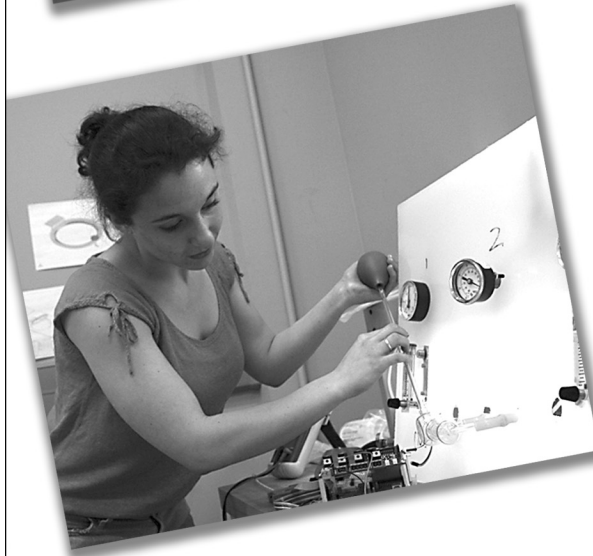
"It was from there we took the idea and decided we were going to play for 24 hours. Then we decided to make it a fundraiser and help some sort of organization just like those 'Relay for Life' fundraisers. From there the name: Rock for Life!" explained Ruiz.

WMHD provided the live music by two of their bands. The first band was Äutobähnd, who kicked off the event at 5:00 p.m. playing a Guitar Hero Medley. The other band that performed during the event was Team Lift. They performed at 6:00 p.m.

Matt Moseng, a sophomore computer engineer, enjoyed the event. "I went to Rock for Life! to support Äutobähnd and because Guitar Hero is a great game. Brian did a great job mixing charity and a rocking good time. Äutobähnd put on a great show. I enjoyed the live music, and it was nice seeing people having a good time playing."

RHA provided a \$100 starting donation, and overall, BSB raised \$579.55 for PanCAN. Sebastian Mendes, a sophomore civil engineer, won the main raffle prize for the evening which was an electric guitar by Fender. Nobu Hiro, a freshman mechanical engineer and BSB 1 resident, won first prize for the highest Guitar Hero score, and Nathan Wendt, a freshman mechanical engineer, won second prize.

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'Amputee's Guide to Sex' brutally honest, touching

Staff Reports

The Collegiate Times

In her debut collection of poetry, "The Amputee's Guide To Sex," twenty-five-year-old Jillian Weise comes out throwing haymakers. Intertwining biographical information with medical, sexual and literary history, almost all of Weise's poems hit with unrelenting emotional power.

Yes, this book is sexual. Very sexual at times. But always touching, and as much as Weise mentions the smell of iodine in her poems, there are the moments of dirty beauty in her elevated verses. More than sex, or through sex, Weise seems to look for a greater feeling, beyond the physical, beyond the body, and seems right on the cusp of that greater feeling. Brutally honest passages line the pages of "The Amputee's Guide To Sex."

Ex-lovers, childhood friends and a grandfather who calls the speaker, "The prettiest cripple I ever seen" are not spared. Weise has an amazing talent for approaching people who look inquisitively on a prosthetic leg with an objective eye. It is also in these reactionary tales that some of the most chilling poems unfold. "Nona Come Sit" ends with the speaker parked in a handicapped space and a police officers reaction to this, "If you're handicapped, prove it, he says, shining/ his light between my legs." In, "I Want You To Know This" a high school lover becomes grotesquely shy when he finds out about the prosthetic leg. "He's afraid to hold my hand because he thinks it might throw

me off balance."

Sex is definitely the running theme throughout the collection, and although most of the time the poems offer a vignette into the intimate world of someone else, others come off as a bit acrid and harsh in their descriptions of ex-lovers and reactionary glances. With that said, the poems never teeter into the explicit and always seem to be pushing toward an idea that beyond physical sexual experience lays some kind of love. It is in these hopeful moments that the collection peaks.

Weise also manages to weave historical elements into her poems as well as biographical details. In "How the Dumb Were Granted the Right to Have Sex" she references Lasso, a Spanish lawyer who fought for the rights of the disabled.

In other moments she references the philosophy of Descartes, Virginia Wolff's essays and the poems of Elizabeth Bishop. These connections to history and literature give the collection an added depth that is missing from a lot of contemporary poetry relying heavily on biographical information.

The book ends with the gripping "Let Me Be Reckless With The Word Love" that begins, "Let me drive it into the deepest ditch/ In the darkest country and pop its hood/ To inspect the engine for broken valves." It is in these lines that Weise seems to be looking for the heart beyond the heart, looking for what is left when we have nothing left to hide behind. Herein lies the beauty of Weise's touching collection.

'Blades of Glory' fails at funny

Megan Becwar

The Maneater

Stupid comedies can be genius, but the comedy has to outweigh the stupid. "Blades of Glory" doesn't quite meet its quota.

Good stupid comedies, including "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle" and "Dodgeball" are indeed idiotic, but the physical comedy is creative; the dialogue is sharp, quotable perfection; and the characters are amusing.

Unlike these fine pieces of cinema, "Blades of Glory" is lazily made. The only real workers were the special-effects people. The skating looks great, but sadly, who the hell cares?

Two male figure skaters (i.e., easy targets) are banned from the sport after a brawl. A loophole allows them to compete in doubles skating. They are unable to find partners, so they have to learn to work together. They make their way to the top as the first-ever man-paired figure skating team. Naturally, people work to bring them down but not to worry.

Jimmy MacElroy (Jon Heder) is a stuck-up pretty boy "renowned for his personal hygiene." His coach (Craig T. Nelson) decides MacElroy will be the girl in the pair. Chazz Michael Michaels (Will Ferrell) is an inappropriately confident, "ice-devouring sex tornado" in the style of Ron Burgundy.

The fire-and-ice motif plays out

in their routine, but it's really just an annoyingly simple tool used to provide lots of I-know-you-are-but-what-am-I dialogue.

Everyone but Nelson has a hard time spitting out lines with any degree of comedic mastery. Ferrell is channeling an even more simplistic Burgundy, Heder is a boring effeminate stereotype and Will Arnett (of "Arrested Development" fame) should have had more than three lines. Almost nothing is quotable.

But this movie really isn't about words. It's about mild sex jokes, kicking people in the crotch and treating the issue of homophobia with considerably less tact than even Borat pulled out of his mustache.

Maybe we need to laugh about homophobia before we can get over it, but the approach found in "Blades of Glory" surely isn't the way to go. Putting one guy's package in another guy's face and then watching that second guy cringe is not funny, and I get the gnawing feeling that it's justifying or trivializing something ... never mind; it's gone.

Physical comedy can be funny: one man stabbing a man in the chest with a trident, two guys riding a cheetah, a coach being crushed by two tons of irony -- all funny, but only because they are expertly set up and executed bits of slapstick.

Chazz is told at one point, "I don't see what's so funny." He replies, "If you were as drunk as me you would." I guess that's the key to enjoying this film.



<http://www.msnbc.msn.com>

"Blades of Glory" stars Will Ferrell of "Anchorman" and "Stranger than Fiction," and "Napoleon Dynamite" star Jon Heder, though it fails to capture the charm either actor has demonstrated in the past.

You Tube videos of the week

David Bander

Staff Writer

This week, I am highlighting a couple music videos taken from popular music and have some sort or amateur twist to it. If you have any more videos you think I need to see, shoot me an e-mail at entertainment@rose-hulman.edu

B.A.S. – A Cappella

What it is: A cover of a cover. Brilliant. DeCadence, an a cappella group from University of California Berkley, covers this popular song that Ben Folds covered from Dr. Dre. You can really hear the beauty of the lyrics here. Careful for the sheltered ears, there are a few words that might not be safe for work, as one might assume if they know the song. The Rose Chorus should do this. Can we get someone to check on this?

How to find it: Search for "decadence ben folds" and it'll be your first result.



Hey Ya Cover

The guy in the Domo-kun shirt is singing B.A.S., the guy with the impressive beard does Hey Ya.



What it is: Speaking of covers, I know this one has been around a bit, but it is too good not to list it here. Outkast's "Hey Ya" makes or breaks impromptu dance parties and has helped defined our generation. Have you ever stopped to listen to the glory of the words? They are some of the most important lyrics ever composed, and will change your life listening to this. If I didn't know better, this could almost be some sort of downer-emo song. The dance party hit is now a make out song for our ages.

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is...

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Opinions Editor

On March 23, 2007, the Iranian Revolutionary Guard surrounded and detained 15 British Royal Navy personnel. This happened off the Iran-Iraq coast, in an area of water that is currently disputed by Iran. The British personnel were in two teams, eight sailors in one boat and seven Royal Marines in another, on a routine boarding and compliance inspection of a merchant ship in Iraqi waters because of the smuggling problem that exists in Iraq. After disembarking from the merchant ship, the British personnel were then detained by six Iranian boats and escorted to an Iranian naval facility.

The British should have protected their personnel and not accept the abduction of their

sailors and Royal Marines, especially since they were in Iraqi waters and had a legitimate right to be there. The British should have also taken a hard-line tone with the Iranians and if it had been necessary, an extraction team should have been sent in. What really happened, however, was the British knelt at the feet of the Iranians, begged the release of the hostages, and more or less left their personnel out to dry.

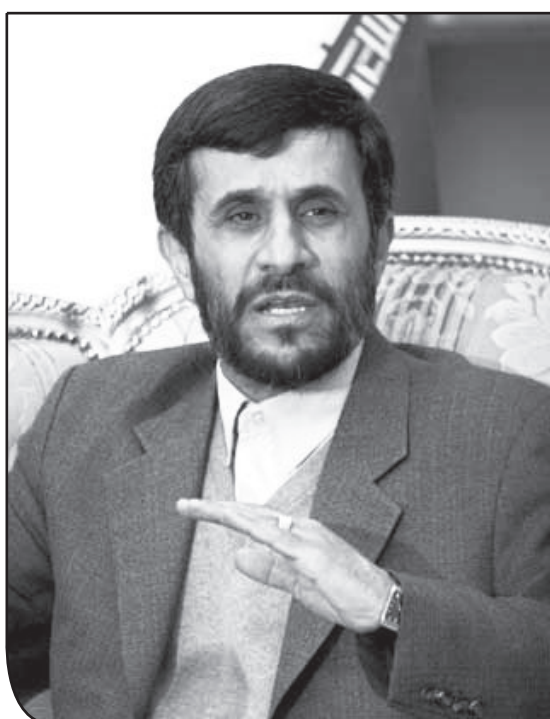
The Iranians, on the other hand, were able to make the British bend to their will, get letters of admission of wrongdoing on behalf of the personnel, and then threaten to try them for spying and intruding on Iranian space. To cap that all off, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad then gave the British something he called a “gift” in honor of the upcoming birthday of Muhammad and the Easter holiday, and then pardoned the British personnel.

How kind of President Ahmadinejad! Especially if you take into account his history with the West. I can bet that he is having a change of

heart right now, and we should stop worrying about his nuclear program, his “Wipe Israel off

the map” talk, the Holocaust denial party that Iran held in 2006, and those pesky militants that keep crossing the Iraqi-Iranian border and supply the Iraqi insurgents with more weapons! He even supports family values! In his hour-long press conference on Wednesday, he questioned the British government, “How can you justify seeing a mother away from her home, her children? Why don't they respect family values in the West?”

Not only is he a kind leader, but he is a genius at politics. Taking hostage of the British personnel was a risky gamble for President Ahmadinejad, but it was a gamble he won. Not only did he make the British bend to his will, but he was inadvertently able to get a diplomat released. This diplomat was suddenly released by his captors in Iraq, after having been missing for two months. This occurred a day before President Ahma-



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This is the kind President Ahmadinejad that gracefully pardoned the British personnel.

dinejad released the British hostages. Although he had not asked for it, the Iraqis felt it their duty to work to have this diplomat and five more people captured in Northern Iraq. These five others were described as part of the Quds Force, which is an elite unit of Iran's Revolutionary Guards. For President Ahmadinejad to potentially get these five soldiers back, in addition to his diplomat back, and then make the Western pow-

ers “outraged” without really having them follow up on it is amazing. I would hate to see a political counterpart of his here in America.

President Ahmadinejad could not have planned this abduction any better. Not only was he able to continue a practice of detaining British personnel with hardly any repercussions (British personnel were also detained back in 2004), he was also able to make himself the victor in this standoff, being portrayed as the kind president that “pardoned” these offending foreigners, foreigners that could have been tried for espionage, a crime that carries the death penalty. In addition to that, he was able to make the British go back to a Chamberlain-esque response. With British rules of engagement being “stand back and do nothing,” also known as “de-escalation,” they tie their hands for future action, something that should not be done at this point of time with nations such as Iran. What should be done, and done soon, is a revision of the British rules of engagement with Iranians, especially taking in to light this event. Not only that, but the British should also make it highly evident that they will not take this sort of action from Iran again. That, and they should teach their personnel to not thank the leaders of countries that abduct fellow servicemen and women.

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Have a nice Spring Break

John Pinkus

Staff Writer

“So, what are you doing for spring break?” I doubt there is a student that currently goes to our fine establishment that hasn't been asked that question. The answers to said question are as varied as the outfits the red-haired SA wears. Typically after the place of destination is announced by the questioned, there is a follow up statement exclaimed by the questioner. “Oh, that is cool!” “You are staying home? That is lame.” “That sounds like a fun trip.” “I hear that place is really nice.” In my own experiences, the conversation at this point diverges into another topic, or the details of the previously mentioned spring break plans.

The feeble attempt of expression of the questioner's opinion is rarely criticized. It seems that these short statements are said

to ensure the questioner remains in the conversation. He doesn't want to facilitate a mobile survey the questioned verbally fills out. In fact, similar short statements find their way into the majority of conversations that we embark in. Such statements aren't worth the trouble for our brains to decipher the changes in frequency and wavelength of the air around our eardrums.

I understand it is pretty hard to convince our brains to not decipher changes, but what am I trying to say? It is my opinion that it is impossible to truly exhibit our opinions through the use of our language. To describe what I mean, I will give an example about 400 students can relate to.

I attended the last showing of *Crazy For You*, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I thought that all of the costumes looked very nice. The Rabbi singing his solo was extremely funny, and all of the

tap dancing was cool.

Okay, do you have any idea what I really thought of the musical by reading such a paragraph? *Note:* I actually did feel that attending the musical was an advantageous use of my time. The actors, dancers, musicians, and crew involved put in gargantuan amounts of effort for such a production to come to fruition at our campus. I regret that I saw “A Room with a View and a Staircase and a Pond” instead of “Frankenstein” in the winter.

Obviously, if you could determine my opinion simply by reading the paragraph, your initials would be JSMP. That being said, what does a word like “nice” or “cool” even mean? I have used such words since I had the ability to speak. I wish that I could have gone through all of my 328 lunar cycles without hearing such trite and cheap words. The main problem with words like this are the plethora of definitions that can be applied to them. To be direct, when a speaker says something is “cool,” it is highly unlikely his “cool” is the same as the person being spoken to, although we never reconcile these differences.

All right, so is the only problem just in the articulations of individuals trying to state their opinions? Now I will restate what I thought about an aspect of the musical. I was pretty amazed at the timing of the tap dancers. They made the act of synchronized movement with metal shoes without a conductor to exhibit time intervals seem effortless. (Mr. Turner was there of course, but the tap dancers couldn't see his time

interval movements). Also, they knew exactly where they were supposed to be on the stage at a given point in time. Though I was impressed that they kept such good time and it was in sync, does that mean that I “liked” the tap dancing?

To try to answer this, I need to think back to what I was thinking during the tap dancing. Truth be told, there were a multitude of thoughts simultaneously occurring: how I knew some of the dancers, how much different the dancers I did know looked at that moment, what type of metal was used in the shoes (then I thought if there was any rating for such a type of shoes and what units would be used to demonstrate “tapping” ability), how much practice did it take to learn the dance numbers, who paid for all of these costumes, why is cross dressing in females more prevalent than in males, did those bow ties need to be tied or were they the clip-on variety, if the dancers could actually see the faces of audience members, and if the presence of certain individuals affect the performance of the dancers positively or negatively.

Can my opinion on the tap dancing be determined by psychoanalyzing all of my thoughts? It would probably take at least a short novel for every aspect of my thoughts to be explained. We have more important things to do than try and understand

every aspect of the opinions of our fellow humans. I hope that you will not think that you can truly understand what another person's opinion on a subject is.

So is the only problem just in the articulations of individuals trying to state their opinions?

I haven't described non-verbal communication aspects, but even with that I doubt you can understand everything about a person's opinion. The means to deal with that

subject is very unclear for me right now.

Our language cannot express our opinions effectively, but it does have some very useful qualities. If you don't care about a person knowing exactly what your opinion is, then our language will do a “good enough” job of describing it. It is great to give commands with, physically describe events, and ask questions of fellow individuals. Alas, I only have space for one last question. The following is quite possibly the question I am most unsure about it this point in my life. Where are you Arinette?

Have an opinion on something that happened over the Break?

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Engineer Scoreboard

Baseball 12-8 (6-2)	Softball 8-12 (3-1)
March 31	March 31
Machester 9 at Rose-Hulman 5	Bluffton 5 at Rose-Hulman 3
Machester 6 at Rose-Hulman 4	Bluffton 1 at Rose-Hulman 6
April 2	April 1
Rose Hulman 6 Anderson 2 Victory Field, Indianapolis	Monmouth 7 at Blackburn College 5
	Monmouth 4 at Blackburn College 2
Men's Tennis 4-5 (2-0)	Women's Tennis 13-8 (7-1)
March 31	April 4
Rose-Hulman 7 at Earlham 2	Southern Indiana 9 at Rose-Hulman 0
Track and Field	
March 31	
Purdue Invitational West Lafayette, IN	8 top 10 finishes

Eitel's complete game leads to big HCAC win

Rose Hulman News

The baseball team relied on solid hitting and a complete game effort on the mound by freshman Derek Eitel to earn a 6-2 win over Anderson at Victory Field in Indianapolis on Monday night.

Eitel tossed his first career complete game with a career-high 12 strikeouts to move to 2-1 on the season. He scattered 12 hits but surrendered no walks and just one earned run.

Offensively, junior Michael Matsui, senior Matt Salisbury, and senior Kellen Hurst led a 10-hit attack with a pair of hits each. Matsui had one run, two RBIs and a double, and Hurst scored twice with a double.

Rose-Hulman scored in the first, second and third innings to jump out to a 5-0 lead.

In the opening frame, Matsui drew a walk and advanced to second on a single by senior Matt Pepelea. Salisbury added

another walk to load the bases, then Matsui scored on a sacrifice fly by Hurst.

In the second frame, senior Jimmy Murray slapped a single and advanced to second on a walk to freshman Chandler Kent. Matsui then drove home both runners with a double to left field.

In the third, Rose-Hulman again scored twice to take a 5-0 advantage. Salisbury and Hurst opened the inning with singles, then junior Adam Knaack slapped a double to score Salisbury. Senior Tim Braun capped the frame with a sacrifice fly to score Hurst.

The duo of Hurst and Braun teamed up again in the fourth to put the Engineers ahead 6-0. Hurst slapped a double to open the frame, then Braun hit another sacrifice fly to give Rose-Hulman another score.

Rose-Hulman improved to 12-8 on the season and 6-2 in HCAC

play, while Anderson dropped to 7-12 on the campaign and 2-5 in league games. The Engineers host Defiance College in a three-game league series starting tomorrow.



Rose Hulman News

Derek Eitel had 12 strikeouts in his complete game performance.

Track wins big at Purdue

Rose Hulman News

The men's and women's track and field teams recorded eight top 10 finishes, including a pair of school records, at the NCAA Division I Purdue Invitational on Saturday.

Junior Matt Repking led the Engineers with a second-place finish in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in a time of 9:44.74. Junior Thomas Reives added another top five with a fourth-place finish in the high jump (6' 5 1/2").

Other top 10 finishes on the

men's side included senior Ryan Schipper with a seventh place finish in the pole vault (15' 1"); sophomore Stephen Boedicker with a ninth place finish in the 10,000-meter run (34:55); freshman Calvin Buetel with a 10th place finish in the 100-meter dash (11.79); and freshman Michael Burris with a 10th in the 100-meter highA hurdles (16.23).

The 4-x-400-meter relay team of junior Bill Guiney, freshman Travis Vanderberg, freshman William Reilly and Buetel rounded out the strong performance with

an eighth place finish in 3:28.67.

On the women's side, senior Mandy Hecker shattered her own school record by nearly three seconds to win the second heat with a 1,500-meter time of 4:49.63.

Junior Rachel Krasich added a second school record with a time of 12:01 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase for a 10th place finish.

Senior Kathleen Stynes placed seventh in the high jump with a leap of 4' 10 1/2".

Rose-Hulman returns to action at the Ohio Wesleyan Invitational next weekend.

Rose athletes earn HCAC honors

Rose Hulman News

Members of three Rose spring sports teams earned Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Week honors.

Senior pitcher Brad Otto finished the week with a strong outing in Saturday's victory over Hanover and has been named the HCAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week.

Senior pole-vaulter Ryan Schipper cleared a height of 16' 1 1/4", a national leading height entering the weekend, on Saturday af-

ternoon at the William M. Welch Invitational and was named the HCAC Men's Field Athlete of the Week.

Junior thrower Janel Belton won two events in the William M. Welch Invitational on Saturday afternoon and has been named the HCAC Women's Field Athlete of the Week.

Freshman tennis player Michael Schoumacher led Rose-Hulman with a 2-1 record at the No. 6 singles position, and was named HCAC Men's Tennis Player of the Week.

IM Standings

Frisbee

Res. Hall A/B - I	W	L
Hitsquad	4	0
Apartments	3	1
East 1	2	1
Percopo 3	1	3
The Gore Effect	0	4

Res. Hall A/B - II	W	L	T
Super Seniors	4	0	0
De Two	2	1	1
Blum	2	2	0
Speed 3 GOW	1	3	0
Frisbee...Assemble	0	3	1

Res. Hall C - I	W	L
Deming Attic	4	0
Dylan C	2	2
Das Boot	2	2
BSB 2	2	2
Take 2	1	3
Good Game Good	1	3

Res. Hall C - II	W	L	T
The Common Wealth	3	1	0
Good Game Good	3	1	0
T-Top Would Toss It	3	1	0
Percopo 1	1	2	1
D Too	1	2	1
Jack Bauer	0	4	0

Greek/Ind. A	W	L
Lazy Old Men	3	1
Pike Gold	3	0
Triangle A	1	2
Chicken Chasers	1	2
Fiji	0	3

Greek B	W	L	T
Pike Garnet	3	1	1
Delta Sig	2	1	2
Triangle B	2	2	1
ATO	0	4	1

Greek C	W	L	T
Lambda Chi Alpha	5	0	0
Firetruckers	3	1	1
Re: Idiots	1	4	0
Chi Omega	0	5	0

Ind. B	W	L
Dutch Special Forces	4	0
Speed 2	3	1
Team Lazy	1	3
Switzer's Army	0	4

Ind. C	W	L	T
Adelphia	3	1	0
UNIQUAC	1	1	2
That's Why We Swim	1	2	1
Have Mercy	1	3	0

Softball

Res. Hall AB	W	L
Hit Squad	2	1
East 1	2	1
Noise Boyz	2	1
Speed Home	2	1
Percopo 3	1	2
Selenium Xeon Boyz	1	2
Speed 3 GOW	1	2
Noobasaurus Rex	1	2

Res. Hall C	W	L	T
Dylan	3	0	1
The Common Wealth	2	1	0
Percopo 1	1	0	1
Dee To	1	1	0
Apartments	1	2	0

Greek/Ind. A	W	L	T
Triangle A	3	0	1
Pike Gold	3	0	0
ATO	2	2	0
Fiji	1	2	0
Slump Busters	1	2	0
George's Demolition Inc.	1	2	0
Faculty/Staff 1	0	3	0

Res. Hall C	W	L	T
BSB 2	1	2	0
Blumberg Attack Sloths	0	1	1
Team Ruiz/Sliwinski	0	2	1
D-Attic	0	4	0

Greek Ind. B	W	L	T
Triangle B	2	0	2
Pike Garnet	2	0	0
Delta Sig	1	2	0
Faculty/Staff 2	0	4	0

Greek Ind. C	W	L	T
Pike Ballers	2	0	1
Lambda Chi Alpha	2	1	1
Sigma Nasty	2	1	0
Lift A Leg	0	1	2
Chi Omega	0	3	1
Delta Delta Delta	0	3	0

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This day...

1997: I saw the best poet of his generation destroyed by cancer, aged historical jaundiced, dragging himself through the mortal veil at dusk looking for a sweet Nirvana.

...in history

Flipside Trivia: The Flipside was invented in 1864 by a Frenchman named Marvine Flépsid. He originally intended for it to be a device to care for premature puppies, but market pressures made it what you see today.

The "funny" bunny

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As we passed the Hatfield parking lot on our way to Skinner, we heard a tiny voice say, "Uh, hey there, guys?" We looked around, but didn't see anyone. "Uh, guys. Down here." We looked at the ground. In the middle of a parking space was a small furry ball. All three of us lean over and look closely. It was a bunny, all balled up in the sudden cold front that blasted Indiana Tuesday night. We look at each other. Bunnies don't talk. It's as simple as that. With a shrug, we turn and continue walking. "Hey!" says the small voice. "Y'all hold the hell up!" We froze, and looked back at the grumpy bunny. It had turned towards us, but was still hunkered down into a little ball. The voice was sweet again. "Can you help me? It's really cold out here." We all pulled out Rose-Hulman handkerchiefs, ready to handle any disease-laden wild bunnies. We approached, and covered the bunny with our handkerchiefs so we could pick it up. A hand closed over it... "Psyche!" the little voice shouted, and the furball rocketed off underneath a nearby car. What? It was too cold for this mess. We shrugged again, collected our matching handkerchiefs, and turned towards Skinner again. "Oh, wait! Guys..." the bunny pleads from beneath a car. "I'm sorry. "Will you please take me someplace warm?" With a collective sigh, we turned back towards the bunny. Again, we tried to pick it up. "Sucka—!" Squish. We wince in unison. Ew. Again we shrug and move towards Skinner, giving a friendly wave to the Public Safety truck that just solved our furry

Grocery cart demise

Philip Becker Staff Writer

Seat belts are important. Especially for the kids. They have so much life left to live, and it'd be a shame for them to lose their life in an accident. A seat belt is as easy to attach as reaching to each side, grabbing part of the belt, sliding your hand to the buckle, bringing the buckles together, snapping them into each other, and then pulling the belt tight, and not following those steps can cost precious, innocent lives. That's why I must whole-heartedly endorse the use of seat belts in grocery carts.

In 2005, a homemaker took her little two-year-old son and six-year-old daughter to the grocery store. Only two of them came home alive. This mother of two was looking for a certain brand of flour so she could use an old family recipe to make her youngest a birthday cake. While she inspected the shelves, her back was facing the cart. This is when her daughter decided it would be best to look for breakfast cereal.

The little girl pushed the cart down the aisle and around the corner into the cooking utensils aisle. She pushed the cart past heavy pots and steel pans. Further down the aisle, big, thick-plastic turkey bags hung loosely from hooks on the shelves. Fi-

nally, the cart was pushed into the cutlery section, where stainless steel cooking knives gleamed under the fluorescent lights of the branded grocery store.

Without breakfast cereal in sight, the little girl became completely cuckoo for Cocoa Puffs and kicked the cart into high gear. Putting one foot in front of the other, the cart began to pick up speed. The little girl zoomed past the knives and planted her foot to turn sharply at the end of the aisle. The cart tipped slightly and the young boy slipped from his unrestrained seat and floated through the air as if being carried by some evil spirit. With a splash the child landed amongst the most scrumptious lobsters.

The EMT arrived on the scene and declared the child dead due to lobster pinches. The mother was consoled with a 50% discount and a free, delicious lobster.

Tragic stories such as this one have prompted some response in the grocery industry. Kroger has taken a bold step to include seat belts in their grocery carts, preventing what many estimate to be over 3,000 child deaths a year. We all should support this great step towards child safety in our daily lives. Do your shopping at Kroger, and if you see a kid hanging off the back of a shopping cart, look him in the eye and say, "Buckle up: it's a guideline."

Top 10 signs spring is back

Matthew Melton Staff Writer

- 10. Time spent playing Ultimate Frisbee is beginning to rival time spent on Halo 2... or sleep... or homework...
- 9. The fountains are back on! Now no one can confuse Scum Lake for Speed Pond anymore.
- 8. The view from the ARA isn't half bad. (Speed Lawn: Not just for decoration anymore!)
- 7. The CS's have to wear sunglasses outside.
- 6. Laking has begun again. (Hey, why are all you guys standing around me? Hey... Heyyyy!)
- 5. The candy canes returneth for Sunbathing 101.
- 4. There's not enough static to run your laptop by rubbing it in your hair.
- 3. Nature walks and plant hunts for Bio Labs! (I switched majors three times and I still got it wrong.)
- 2. Deming and Speed have enough fans going to generate a F6 tornado.
- 1. The geese have returned! Let the nerd maiming commence!

Wacky prof quotes



"If you spin it real hard, it'll break. Sort of like my grandmother." —Prof. Stienstra, on geriatric tolerances

"They might brush their teeth the entire flight!" —Prof. Clifton, on terrorism

"Ever made rock candy? No? Ever made meth?" —Prof. Goldman, on week-end projects

"Do not fondle fractured surfaces. No licking." —Prof. Stienstra, on sexy brittle fracture

"If you bring an equation sheet, I'll cut off your dominant hand." —Prof. Ferguson, promoting corporal punishment

"When you're going through puberty, you're thinking a lot about sex, religion and some mathematics thrown in there somewhere." —Prof. Chenoweth, who wasn't cool in middle school

"This is *not*—I repeat, *not*—rocket science! This is a cartoon!" —Prof. Moloney, making an important distinction

"You can't read a bond, you can't drink a bond, and you definitely can't smoke a bond." —Prof. Bremmer, on why bonds are for losers

"Is this the plight of the chlorine atom?" —Prof. Erwin, on unattainable noble gas configurations

"Keep your nose out of his registers!" —Prof. Merkel, on messing with other people's bits

"We all say, 'Go back to Crapo, we don't need you.'" —Prof. Ferguson, on mathematicians

"We give you a lot of work, and students bitch. That's how the two parties work." —Prof. Carvill, on collegiate politics
Send your prof quotes or other humor material to flipside@rose-hulman.edu

Cell phones: "The Bullet"

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"Buzzbuzz." "Buzzbuzz." It's an early-afternoon lecture class, and a heavy lunch has left everyone drowsy... Except that one guy. That one guy that always spends the entire class text messaging. You know the guy. From him we hear: "Buzzbuzz." "Clickclickclick." Snicker. He's so very proud of his new phone, dubbed "The Bullet" and put out by entertainment guru company Balogna. It's a shiny, sleek little phone; it's kind of ellipsoid, per the name. He never puts it away. Ever. Walking through the halls, sitting in class, whatever. We never see him put it away. One of his snickers draws our attention to him. This one was different, maybe a little throaty. We both look over, and see he has this silly little grin on his face. But his phone... where is it?



Andrea Brown / Rose Thorn
The hot new "Bullet" has three ring settings: whisper, vibrate, and loud buzz.

"Buzzbuzz." Quiet throaty chuckle. We look at each other, then back over at him. He shuffles around in his seat for a moment, slipping something into his bag. He stands, and with barely a glance at the lecturing professor, slips out of the classroom. A minute later, we see him outside smoking a cigarette peacefully. We glance at each other again. We need to get one of those phones!

